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SUBJECT: RESIGNATION OF CHILEAN AMBASSADOR TO OAS

1. USOAS AMBASSADOR JOVA HAS RECEIVED A NOTE FROM CHILEAN AMBASSADOR TO OAS LUIS HERRERA ANNOUNCING HIS RESIGNATION "EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 13 AS RESULT OF OVERTHROW OF ALLENDE GOVERNMENT." NOTE ALSO MAKES USUAL REFERENCE TO GOOD RELATIONS MAINTAINED BETWEEN US AND CHILEAN MISSIONS BASED ON UNDERSTANDING, RESPECT AND CORDIALITY.

2. USOAS ALSO LEARNED THAT CHILEAN OAS COUNSELOR OLEGARIO RUSSI HAS BEEN NAMED CHARGE BY JUNTA. RUSSI TOLD JOVA TODAY THAT TWO MEMBERS OF CHILEAN DELEGATION TO OAS SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING IN WASHINGTON, WALTERIO FIERRO AND KENNY VALASQUEZ, HAVE BEEN DISMISSED. BOTH DESCRIBED AS "NON-CAREER AND SOCIALIST," HAD BEEN BROUGHT IN FROM THE GOC FONOFF ESPECIALLY FOR THE SPEC COM MEETING WHICH BEGAN A WEEK PRIOR TO THE COUP.

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3. OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL WILL HONOR HERRERA WITH A

TRADITIONAL FAREWELL LUNCHEON ON SEPTEMBER 25.

4. COMMENT. RUSSI ALSO TOLD JOVA THAT HERRERA IS STILL COMING DAILY TO CHILEAN MISSION TO WIND UP AFFAIRS AND PICK UP MAIL. HERRERA, A STAUNCH SUPPORTER OF ALLENDE'S FOREIGN POLICY, HAS BEEN CONSPICUOUSLY SOBER AND CAUTIOUS IN MAKING ANY REMARKS ON THE SEPTEMBER 11 COUP. OAS SOURCES INDICATE THAT HERRERA WILL SOON TRAVEL TO CANADA AND THEY REGARD THIS TRIP AS FIRST STEP TOWARD HIS SETTLING THERE WITH HIS FAMILY. RUSH

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